

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

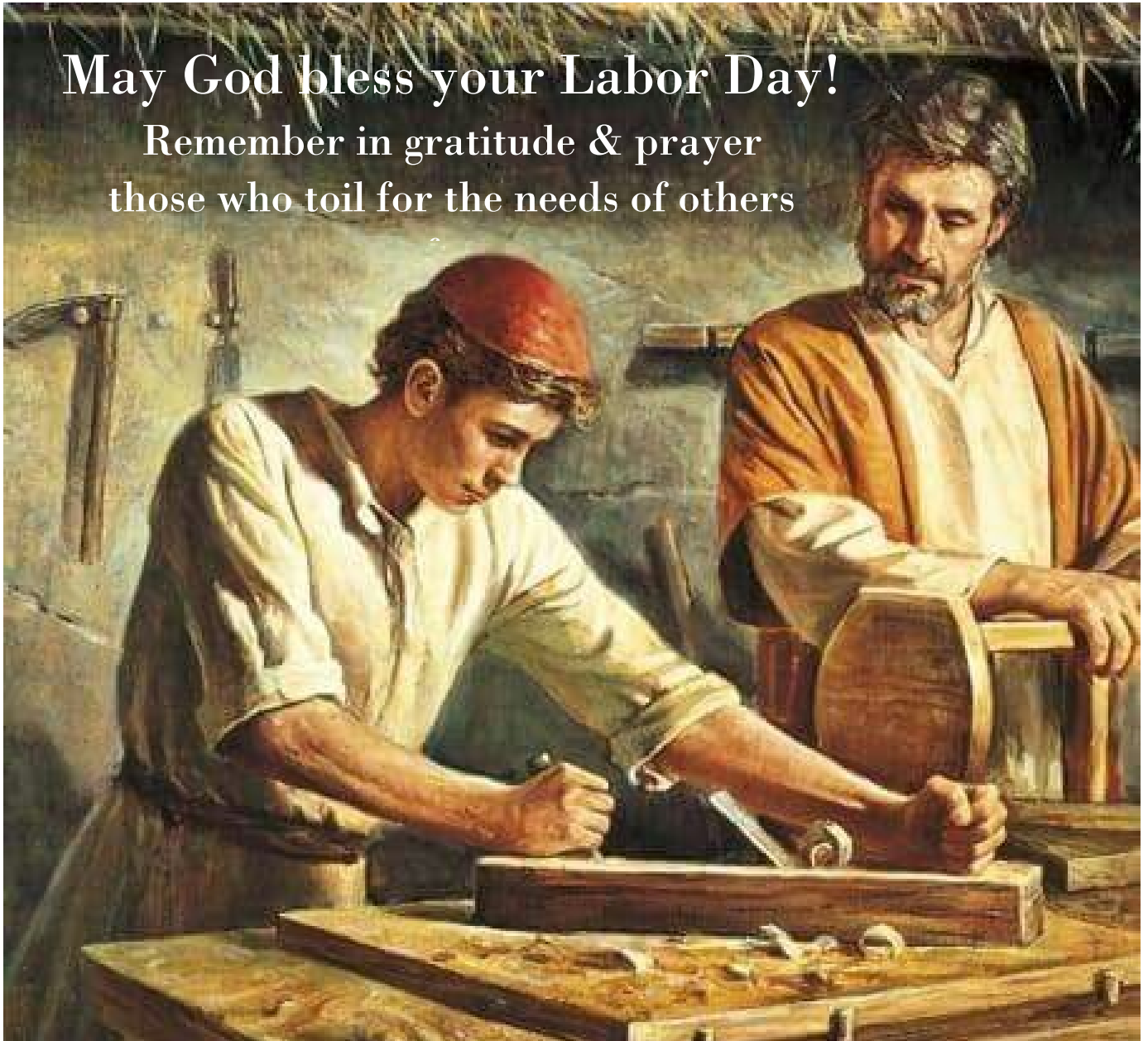
Father Sean O'Brien

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

May God bless your Labor Day!

Remember in gratitude & prayer
those who toil for the needs of others



Immaculate Conception Church

502 N. Bagwell, Poteau, OK

Mass Times

Sunday, 9 a.m. English

Sunday, 11 a.m. Spanish

Daily Mass: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

16526 US Hwy 271 (East of Spiro)

Sunday Mass: 1 p.m.

Saint Joseph Church

1406 NW 7th St., Stigler, OK

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 p.m.



At All Parishes: Confessions Heard 30 Minutes Before Sunday Masses (Or by Appointment)

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Gifts for God

August 24, 2025

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 1,766.76

Weekly Budget Need - 2,075.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 1,563.00

Weekly Budget Need 950.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection \$ 641.00

Weekly Budget Need 607.00



Stewardship

Reflections

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." LUKE 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.



Mass Intentions: IC

September 7

9 a.m. – + For the repose of the soul of Fausto Felipe; by Margarita Felipe.

11 a.m. – + For the repose of the soul of Amalia Cacho; by Artemio Rosales.



Extended Adoration this weekend!

Our monthly First Friday, 24-hour Adoration begins right after the morning Mass in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at 9 a.m., Sept. 5. As usual, please contact Melisa Gonzalez or David Jones to reserve a special hour.

This time, however, we are **extending** our Adoration time from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday for the express purpose of praying for the success of our Young Adults Retreat. Father Sean recommends that there will be up to 20 people in the chapel for each of the six hours. Our young adults will benefit greatly from our intercessory prayers. Please consider making a gift of your time for an hour or more for this holy cause.

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Open House events continue at Rectory

Two more Open House events are scheduled for this week at the new Rectory next door at 510 North Bagwell. On Friday, Sept. 5, Father will host parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Sunday, also from 5 to 7 p.m., parishioners of Saint Joseph Church in Stigler are scheduled to tour the new facility.

The Rectory is where the priest and his occasional guests live, but it belongs to our combined three parishes. Come and admire!

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Two saints join the canonized next Sunday

Two canonizations will be held next Sunday, September 7. Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati become full-fledged saints at the Vatican. Both are very popular – the youthful Carlo for his inspiration internet work promoting Eucharistic miracles; Pier Giorgio for his ability to elicit joy in all circumstances and his



Bl. Carlo Acutis



Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

promotion of the Beatitudes. You can watch both through EWTN, either live at 2 a.m. or the replays at 5 p.m. (Central Daylight Time). If you don't get EWTN, you can stream it via your phone.

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Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well." (James 5:15)

Juan Narvaez, Frances Liddy, Jim Norwood, Sandra Mejia, Yuliana Casildo, Liz Sosa, Anthony Guerrero, Nicholas Farias, Javier Diaz, Kathleen Linville, Colten Benson, Theresa Grafton, Nicolosa Solis, Artis Jackson, Clarence Nobles, Emily Query, Savannah Anderson, Janita Hendricks, Donald Hargrove, Marge Frizzell, Jack Harrison, Donald Brooks, Vera Trout, Ruel Salada, Pilar Botello, Josh Noel, Genia Harber, Oscar San Juan, Dianna Garcia, Brandon Torres, Bobby Jackson, Robin Jackson, Barbara Legrif, Collin Urizar, Juan Diego, Alec Brenman, Felicitas Garcia, Onor Roop, Doris Krause, Patsy Slagle, Charles Lohmann, Jill Figari, Macrina Lara, Barbara Rogers, Susan Heavener, Kyle Harmon, Rogelio Rivera, Jose Martinez, Mayra Gavina, Christine Mainard, Elda Lauryn, Colton Simpson, Shelby Burgos, Itzel Gomez, Patty Karpika, Agustina Ruiz, Sandra Mejia, Anastacio Solis, Edith & Lazarus Girton, George Mansour, Josefina Estrada, Katie Malone, John Harris, Lizz Lopez, Roger O'Hara, Cassie Casildo, John Worton, Johnny & Barbara Morris, Nanette Johnson, Russell Tenison & Violet Ray.

Daily Mass Readings

1 Monday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Psalm 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 / Luke 4:16-30

2 Tuesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 / Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Luke 4:31-37

3 Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor (W) / Colossians 1:1-8 / Psalm 52:10, 11 / Luke 4:38-44

4 Thursday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Colossians 1:9-14 / Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 / Luke 5:1-11

5 Friday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Colossians 1:15-20 / Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4-5 / Luke 5:33-39

6 Saturday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Colossians 1:21-23 / Psalm 54:3-4, 6 & 8 / Luke 6:1-5

7 The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (G) / Wisdom 9:13-18b / Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17 / Philemon 9-10, 12-17 / Luke 14:15-33

Looking Ahead: Important Events

- **YOUNG ADULT RETREAT**, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7. At IC.
- **SPIRO OCIA** starts Sunday, Sept. 7, at 11:30, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.
- **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**, Sept. 27, Poteau PARC, 9 a.m.
- **IC Parish Work Day** – October 11, starting at 8 a.m.
- **Three Hearts Pilgrimage** – Oct. 9-11, 35-miles to Clear Creek Abbey, Hulbert. Registration: threeheartspilgrimage.org.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, September 1

- Spanish OCIA at IC – 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Tuesday, September 2

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.
- 6:30 p.m. English OCIA at IC in Parish Hall.

Wednesday, September 3

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.
- **5 to 9 p.m. Midweek Adoration in the IC Chapel.**
- 6:30 p.m. IC. Bridge classes; Confirmation class.

Thursday, September 4

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.

Friday, September 5

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.
- **9 a.m. First Friday Adoration – Extended to 3 p.m. Saturday.**
- 5 to 7 p.m. Rectory Open House for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Saturday, September 6

- 5 p.m. Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Stigler.

Sunday, September 7 – The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study (Youth Room)
- 9 a.m. English Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau
- 11 a.m. Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau
- 1 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro
- 5 to 7 p.m. Rectory Open House for Saint Joseph parish.